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SUBJ: DRUMS BEGIN TO BEAT FOR BREZHNEV- TANAKA SUMMIT

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1. FOR SECOND DAY RUNNING, BREZHNEV ROLE IN FOREIGN POLICY HAS
UPSTAGED KOSYGIN AND PODGORNYY VISITS TO SWEDEN AND FINLAND
ON PRAVDA' S FRONT PAGE. UNDER PROMINENT HEADLINE, APRIL 5 ISSUE
PRINTS TASS STORY FROM TOKYO DESCRIBING IMPACT OF BREZHNEV-
TANAKA MESSAGE AND NOTING PREPARATIONS REPORTEDLY UNDER WAY FOR
TANAKA VISIT TO USSR. POSITIVE AND SELECTIVE SURVEY OF JAPANESE
COMMENT PLAYS UP BREZHNEV DECEMBER SPEECH STATEMENT THAT GOOD
RELATIONS DEPEND ON EFFORTS BY BOTH SIDES, TANAKA RECEPTIVENESS
TO BREZHNEV APPROACH, CHIRIA VIEW THAT TREATY BASIS DESIRABLE
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FOR STABLE RELATIONS, CHIRA CALL FOR FRANK EXCHANGE OF OPINION ON ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY, IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION, AND ASSERTION THAT SOVIET- JAPANESE NORMALIZATION NOT DIRECTED AGAINST THIRD COUNTRIES.

2. COMMENT: COMING IMMEDIATELY AFTER SIMILAR PRESS TREATMENT PREVIOUS DAY OF FORTHCOMING BREZHNEV VISIT TO FRG, PROMINENCE ACCORDED BREZHNEV INVOLVEMENT IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE STILL ANOTHER SUMMIT THIS YEAR CLEARLY HAS ADVANTAGE OF PARTIALLY OFFSETTING MORE INTRACTABLE DOMESTIC PROBLEMS HE FACES. NECESSITY OF CONDITIONING PUBLIC OPINION FOR NEWS MOVES IN RELATIONS WITH FRG AND JAPAN MAY ALSO ACCOUNT FOR PRESS BUILDUP. DUBS

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